

SSI-E

Information about the Exceptional Expense Supplement for Recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in Wisconsin

This program is administered by the Department of Health and Family Services and county agencies and provides a monthly cash benefit to eligible SSI recipients.

What are SSI-E benefits?

A monthly cash benefit of up to **\$95.99** is added to the State SSI payment of each SSI recipient who meets the program requirements and is certified for the benefit by a county agency.

Who is eligible for SSI-E benefits?

1. SSI recipients whose expenses are greater than the SSI-E payment level (\$782.77 in 2006) and live in one of the following licensed or certified facilities:

Foster home for children
Group home for children
Licensed or Certified adult family/foster home
CBRF of 20 beds or less
Certified Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC)
-OR-
2. SSI recipients who live in their own household or another's household who pay their share of household expenses and who need at least 40 hours of primary long term support services each month.

How do SSI recipients apply for SSI-E?

SSI recipients who wish to apply for SSI-E should contact their county department of social or human services to request an assessment for SSI-E. The county agency will provide or arrange for an assessment and determine whether the SSI recipient meets SSI-E eligibility criteria. Applicants will be informed in writing of the agency's decision. Approved applications will be forwarded by the county agency to the DHFS State SSI Program and the applicant's State SSI payment will be increased.

Recipients have the right to appeal any action that reduces or terminates their benefits. Requests for hearings should be sent to: Division of Hearings and Appeals, P.O. Box 7875, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7875.